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CELEBRATING MESSENGER'S TENTH YEAR



The Renville County Messenger is in its tenth year of publication. To commemorate the tenth year, the Messenger's main header and the HRA/EDA header have been redesigned. The new headers represent Renville County in pictures including: county parks, farming, the courthouse, a local business, and the HRA Centennial apartment building. The U.S. flag on the headers reminds us of the great nation we are all a part of. Portions of this commemorative issue have been printed in full color. The messenger is distributed to county residents three times a year in April, July, and August. You might want to put the colored Community Events/Discover Your Neck of the Woods insert and the County Cleanup/Recycling insert on your fridge for future reference. Hope you enjoy this special issue.

**Open House Retirement Party
For Bert Wasierski
Friday, June 10th, 2011
Starting at 4:30 pm - ?
at American Legion
in Olivia, MN**



BERT'S STORY



Bert Wasierski, Renville County Veteran Service Officer

Roberta, "Bert" Wasierski began her twenty year military career in the U.S. Army in 1970. During her first ten years, she played the flute, piccolo and sang in the Women's Army Corps Band at Ft McClellan, Alabama, 33rd Army Band in Heidelberg, Germany, 79th Army Band in the Panama Canal Zone and the 4th Infantry Band at Ft Carson, Colorado. She then served as an Army Recruiter, Training NCO & First Sergeant for the Army Recruiting Command in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ft Sheridan, Illinois for the next ten years. On June 17, 1990 before her official retirement from the army, Bert began the next chapter of her career as the Renville County Veteran's Service Officer (VSO). Bert and her current staff, Karen Davis, Veteran Technician, Harry Hawkinson, Assistant Veteran Technician, and Ron Kopacek, Veteran's Van Driver, have seen many changes over the past 21 years including

programs offered for Veterans and active duty soldiers, office location, and the use of technology. When Bert started working for the county, the Veterans Service Office was located with the Public Health Department on the west edge of Olivia in a building the county rented from Elmer Zenk. Bert and Karen remember that the floors were cold and the space was limited. Later that year, the County Board decided to build the County Government Services Center and there would be office space for the Veteran's Service Office department in the new building. At the time the floor plans were drawn up, Jim Tersteeg, the County Auditor/Administrator asked Bert to design the office space for the Veteran's Service Office. The Veteran's Service department moved into their new space on President's day weekend in 1992.

The office did not have a computer in 1990, so Bert wrote notes while gathering information from the veterans, soldiers and family members and then Karen typed the information using carbon to make copies. Bert applied for a technology grant, and in 1995 the office received the department's first computer. Bert and Karen taught themselves how to use the new computer.

When Bert became the VSO, the staff began to focus on outreach to local veterans and their families. To connect with them, posters were put up, and Bert did local radio spots on the Ruby Blum show broadcast on KOLV. The office did outreach to the local national guardsmen unit which had not been done before. The federal government was considering the reduction of veteran's benefits, so Bert organized local

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veterans and traveled with two chartered buses full of veterans to join a protest at the V.A.

Hospital in Minneapolis. Now Bert communicates through Facebook to send messages and live chat with local soldiers who are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Upon urging from her son and daughter, she learned to use Facebook. Bert also uses Facebook to inform veterans and community members of upcoming events.

In 1990, Operation Desert Storm was the first deployment that Bert worked with as the Renville County VSO. A large number of troops from Renville County were part of this deployment. Bert quickly took action back at home and pulled together parents and families to support the soldiers. The next major deployment of our Renville County National Guard unit for Iraqi Freedom occurred on September 1, 2004, with the troops returning on December 14, 2005. Bert flew to Fort Dix, New Jersey to meet the troops when they returned along with claims representative, James Kelly. The two were the first to meet the troops when they returned home after deployment. It was the beginning of the Yellow Ribbon program which was designed to help returning soldiers and their families with claims processing, benefits access, and reintegration. This past year she went to Ft Lewis, Washington to meet the 34th Infantry National Guard of MN and to Ft McCoy to meet the local Soldiers of the 1-151 Field Artillery when they returned from a deployment to Iraq.

Bert worked with local legion posts to have a Renville County Veteran's Memorial built and installed on the courthouse lawn. The county's legion posts raised the funds to pay for the memorial. The memorial was dedicated at a special ceremony on November 11, 1996. The head of the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Ron Henke, was present for the dedication along with color guards from the county's Legion Posts. Attendees then traveled to the Fairfax Legion for a dinner and evening of Karaoke.

Bert has traveled with veterans and their families throughout the past 21 years to several events.

Through BOLD community education, two buses of veterans and their spouses went to Branson, Missouri during the veteran's holiday in November of 1996. On the trip to Branson, the group stopped for a night in Clinton, Missouri and was treated by the local VFW and Legion to dinner and a Dixie land band. Bert arranged to take World War II (WW II) veterans to the dedication of the WW II memorial in St Paul on June 9, 2007. As a part of the dedication, Bert ensured that the Renville County WW II veteran's received their WWII dedication medallions together as a group. Food was available at part of

May, 2011. Contact the VSO office by calling 320-523-3763 if you have a family member who is deployed or will be deployed so they can receive the packages.

Bert will be retiring as the county's VSO later this year, but her latest grant writing efforts have paid off to the tune of \$12,000. The funds will be used to send the next VSO to national training to become certified, for advertising, posting, and stationary, and to hold a county wide Veteran's seminar sometime within the next year.



Veteran Service Staff, Karen Davis, Veteran Technician, Bert Wasierski, Veteran Service Officer, and Harry Hawkinson, Assistant Veteran Technician. (Left to right)

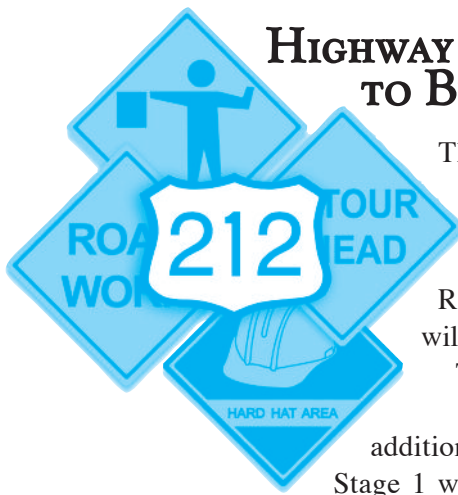
the dedication including a spam mobile – the veterans enjoyed having spam sandwiches. Bert remembered, “It was a beautiful state program and a beautiful memorial to our veterans. “ The memorial is an open room within the Capitol Mall located just north of the Veterans Services Building. The designers of the memorial wanted to bring the voices of Minnesota Veterans to the heart of the State Capitol by expressing their journey through the Second World War. A visitor to the memorial cannot help but experience World War II's history, tragedies and social repercussions.

The Renville County Veterans Service office has been involved in sending packages to the local deployed soldiers that first started when Desert Storm was declared in August of 1990. A war that was officially declared one day after Bert's retirement from the Army. Currently, packages are prepared and mailed to 15 local deployed soldiers. VSO staff is gearing up to send packages to the local Red Bull soldiers, who will be deployed in

Bert described her role as one of “building relationships” and says helping veterans is the best job in the world. If she has trouble with a veteran's claim she just keeps working on it until she gets it through the system. Bert loves her job and commented, “Where else do you get to go to work every day with your best friends.” Bert's future plans include remaining in Olivia, volunteering, finding time to golf, and spending time with her family. As Bert described it best, “the military blood runs deep in my family.” Bert's son, David Wasierski, Staff Sergeant, was deployed to Afghanistan last year and is currently stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington as an Airborne Ranger Sniper. David will be reporting this July to Fort Benning, Georgia as a Ranger instructor. David is married to Nicole Diekman and she is the assistant manager of the Fort Lewis Fisher House. The Fisher House is similar to a Ronald McDonald house, it is a place for military families to stay when their loved ones are hospitalized for illness, disease or injury. Nicole also

was very instrumental in the Family Readiness Group for the 2-5 Infantry Unit while they were deployed to Afghanistan from Ft Lewis. Bert's daughter Amanda Tepfer is working at the V.A. Regional Benefits Office located in the Henry Whipple Federal Building at Ft Snelling and working with Veterans appeals. Amanda was one of the leaders of the Family Support Group for the local 1-151 Field Artillery during their last deployment. Amanda is married to Andy Tepfer, who has served in the National Guard and has had two deployments to Iraq with the local National Guard Unit. Andy is currently training to become a Warrant Officer in the MN National Guard. Andy works with disabled veterans at the Henry Whipple building at Fort Snelling. Bert reflected that she enjoyed her first 20 years in the army, but the last 21 years here at Renville County were even better. She said, “Veterans inspire me, they teach us a lesson in life, each one has a unique story, and it is an honor to go home at the end of the day and know that you were able to help a Veteran!”

HIGHWAY 212 RESURFACING PROJECT TO BEGIN ALONG WITH DETOURS



The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be starting a 28.3 mile Highway 212 resurfacing road project this May. The project will begin on Highway 212 near Renville County Road 16 west of Hector and will run to the start of the 4-lane west of Glencoe.

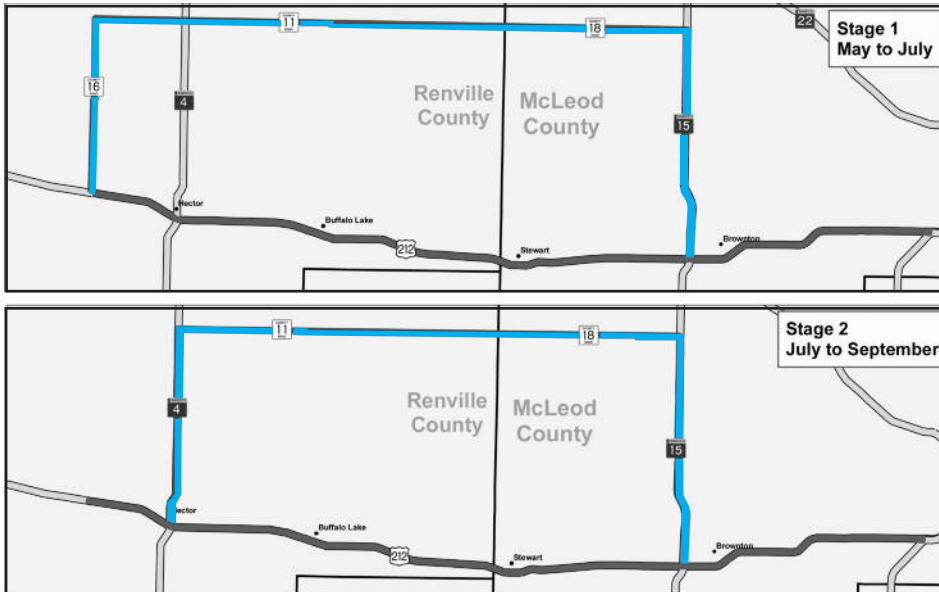
The project will be detoured in three stages and will consist of pavement resurfacing, the addition of turn lane construction and culvert lines.

Stage 1 will commence about May 16 through July 1.

Traffic will be detoured on Renville County Road 16, Renville County Road 11, McLeod County Road 18 and State Highway 15. Stage 2 is planned to begin on July 1 and will go through September 2. Traffic will be detoured on State Highway 4, Renville County Road 11, McLeod County Road 16 and State Highway 15. Stage 3 is planned to begin on September 2 and will go through November 1. Traffic will be detoured on State Highway 15, McLeod County Road 17, Sibley County Road 15 and State Highway 22. The total cost of the project will be \$16.3 million and is planned to reduce future maintenance costs, improve pavement strength, improve the ride for motorists and provide spot safety improvements by constructing new turn lanes. See detour maps (below) provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT).

For more information go the MNDOT website at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy212hctorglencoe/>



SPECIAL Summer Seasonal RV Camping

Rates at Lake Allie Park from May 1 thru August 31, 2011
Cost \$1425 Includes water, electricity & use of the dump station



Sites currently available !

To make your reservation call the Environmental and Community Development Department at **320-523-3768**



Friends of Renville County Parks, a new non-profit organization, is currently seeking new members to join in an effort to preserve, protect, enhance, and promote our great Renville County Parks.

To find out more: contact volunteer Jon Wogen at 320.523.2752.

COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

Administrator	320-523-3710	Heartland Express	800-450-7964	Sheriff	320-523-1161
Assessor	320-523-3645	Heartland Community	320-523-1842	Veterans Service	320-523-3763
Attorney	320-523-2661	Action Agency Inc.	or 877-523-1842	Water Planning & HHW	320-523-3706
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071	Hospital	320-523-1261		
Court Services/Probation	320-523-3663	HRA/EDA	320-523-3656	<i>County Commissioners:</i>	
Court Administration	320-523-3680	Human Services	320-523-2202	Ralph Novotny, District #1	320-848-6392
Environment & Community Development	320-523-3768	Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1505	Bob Fox, District #2	507-557-8265
Extension	320-523-3713	License	320-523-3612	Paul Setzepfandt, District #3	320-365-3270
Hawk Creek	320-523-3666	Public Health Nursing	320-523-2570	John Stahl, District #4	320-523-1283
Heartland Express	320-523-3589	Public Works	320-523-3759	LaMont Jacobson, District #5	320-765-2578
		Recorder/Abstractor	320-523-3669		

RENVILLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE



*County Commissioners and local students after passage of the Renville County Social Host Ordinance
Front Row: The students who testified Morgayne Bauer, Jack Bryan, Kalle Hatch, Chelsea Ahl
Back Row are County Commissioners Bob Fox, LaMont Jacobson, John Stahl, Ralph Novotny, County
Administrator Sara Folsted, and County Commissioner Paul Setzepfandt.*

After a hearing during their regular board meeting on February 22, 2011 the Renville County Commissioners approved unanimously to adopt a Social Host Ordinance for Renville County. The Renville County Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs Coalition (RAPID) under the leadership of Annie Tepfer, its coordinator, urged the commissioners to consider the ordinance. The coalition membership includes school superintendents, principals, teachers, parents, youth, clergy, healthcare and business professionals, law enforcement, county attorneys, community leaders and the media. The Social Host Ordinance makes it a misdemeanor offense for an

adult to knowingly provide an environment where underage drinking takes place. For a conviction, the county attorney would have to show that the offender should have known that the consumption of alcohol would take place.

During the hearing, testimony in favor of the ordinance was given by local high school students, a mother of five teenagers, the County Sheriff, Scott Hable, and the Olivia Chamber of Commerce director, Nancy Standfuss. The students cited a recent survey of county students that indicated their top sources for alcohol were friends and at parties. The main goal of the ordinance is to discourage adults from allowing teenagers to drink. The ordinance would not prohibit parents from allowing their own children to have an alcoholic beverage in their home, according to County Attorney, David Torgelson. As an example, he said, "It is and would remain legal for a parent to offer a child a glass of wine during a family event or as part of a religious observance."

According to a 2003 report by the National Research Council's Institute of Medicine, underage drinking costs the nation at least \$53 billion a year, mostly because of traffic deaths and violent crime. The social host ordinance should help to reduce the availability of alcohol for local youth and make communities safer. In 2006, not a single host ordinance existed in Minnesota. As of March 1, 2011, 59 cities and 14 counties have adopted a social host ordinance, and more are actively considering it. Cities with Social Host Ordinances have found success in a reduction in the number of underage drinking parties. They found a reduction in the number of 22 or 23 years olds hosting such parties. From a prosecutor's standpoint, enforcement of the ordinance gives them a great tool to help curb underage drinking. A number of communities and counties in the region, among them, the cities of Fairfax, Spicer, New London, Sleepy Eye, New Ulm, Glencoe and Willmar, have adopted their own social ordinances, along with Kandiyohi and Yellow Medicine counties. The county commissioners would like to see communities across the county adopt a uniform ordinance.

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HRA/EDA INVESTS IN TECHNOLOGY PROJECT BRINGING FIBER TO THE FARM

Funds from the Renville County HRA/EDA will provide seed money for an initiative that supporters hope will result in the installation of fiber optic cable in the southeastern part of the county. At its January meeting, the HRA/EDA Board approved up to \$4,000 to assist Renville County to enter into a joint powers board working to install a fiber optic network that would serve all properties in the City of Fairfax and parts of three townships in the southeastern part of Renville County, as well as properties throughout much of Sibley County. Renville County Commissioners voted on February 22nd to become part of the Joint Powers Board, and Sibley County Commissioners approved membership the following day. Membership by the counties is necessary for rural properties to be served by the project, which is

sometimes referred to as *"Fiber to the Farm."* The first phase of the project will identify potential users of the service.

The system would provide high speed internet, television and telephone service at a speed of 20 megabit-per-second. This is faster than the service available to many metro area residents and is about 800 times faster than most dial-up service.

Broad-based access to high speed internet would allow more residents the ability to go to school on-line or work from home, not to mention its entertainment potential. Features such as video-conferencing and the ability to instantaneously transfer huge quantities of data would be beneficial for existing businesses and would make the area more attractive to firms seeking to expand or relocate.



FUNDING NEW USES FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

The HRA/EDA's Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) made its fourth loan in December, assisting J and R Electric to move into an unoccupied commercial building on Highway 212 in Olivia. The loan brought the total loans made under the program to \$93,000.

RLF is funded by a combination of a \$99,000 grant from the USDA's Rural Development Program and \$100,000 in HRA/EDA funds.

Loans are available for start-up costs and working capital, building and plant renovations, transportation improvements, and other business needs. Loans are subsidiary to private bank financing, which normally makes up the majority of each project. On its first four projects, the program's \$99,000 investment leveraged \$440,000 in private investment into Renville County communities.

The HRA/EDA has also approved a loan of \$35,000 in EDA funds to the Morton EDA for its purchase of a vacant commercial building on the community's primary commercial corner. Plans call for the building to be sold by the Morton EDA to a private business owner for use as a coffee shop and café specializing in healthy food and showcasing local history and culture, as well as local artwork, beadwork and supplies.

Parties interested in HRA/EDA funding opportunities may contact Christina Hettig at 320-523-3811 or e-mail her at chris@mail.renville.com.

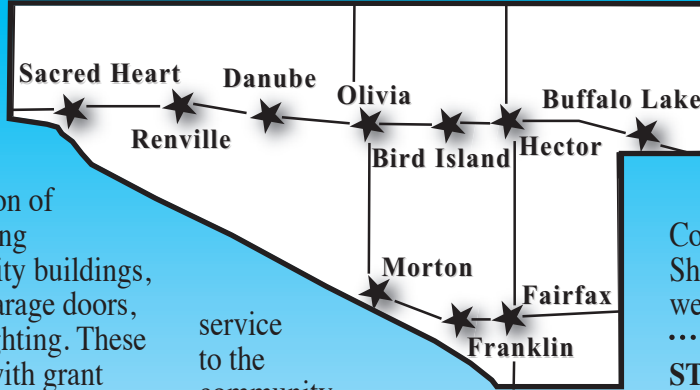
NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

FRANKLIN

The City of Franklin's energy conservation projects are nearly completed, including the installation of a bio-mass pellet burning facility that heats the city buildings, new energy efficient garage doors, and energy efficient lighting. These projects were funded with grant dollars provided by the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security. Planning is underway for Catfish Derby Days, July 22-24, and the KMS Memorial Ride on August 13th.

HECTOR

Corn Chaff Days will be July 8-10th. Many events are planned for this weekend, something for everyone! Welcome to Dr. Fiedler as the new owner of Esthetic Dentistry. Congratulations to Dr. Menser on his retirement. Thank you for your many years of



service to the community. Hector EDA has buildable residential lots for sale. \$100 plus assessments. Call the city office at 320-848-2122.

MORTON

We are proud to welcome new businesses to town: Etchings by Deano (glass etching and graphics business) and Just Relax (massage) and Birch Coulee Renewables LLC all located with Mama's Massage in the Granite Valley Business Center (Former Buffalo Crossing Building)

Businesses interested in developing

may contact City Hall. There are spaces as well as property available for development.

Spring Garden Party is April 16th. Vendors are welcome to join in the festivities.

Contact city hall for details. Shoppers - come and check out all we have to offer!

STAFF MEMBERS

Christina Hettig, Executive Director
Linda Larsen, Housing Coordinator
Susie Lang, Development Assistant
Ron Louisiana, Maintenance

HRA/EDA BOARD

Chair, Mark Glesener, District 3
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Secretary- Treasurer,
Mark Thiesse, District 4
Joel Harmoning, District 2
Chad Kingstrom, District 5
Barbara Hoyhtya, District 1
Donald Wolling, At-Large
Ex Officio, Ralph Novotny



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RENVILLE COUNTY HRA/EDA

Helping people buy and eat locally grown foods

Buffalo Lake Farm & Flea Market

Saturdays 8:30-11:30am; July through the Fall
Buffalo Lake City Park Hwy 212
Call Ken at 320-833-5545 for more information

Fairfax Farmers Market

Tuesday Afternoons July - September 1st
Street S.E. off Hwy 19 Fairfax
Call Sara at 507-426-7222 for more information

Morton Farmers Market

Fridays 9am-3pm; mid June through the Fall
City Parking Lot (Downtown Morton on highway 19) Call Shirley for more information at 507-697-6912

Hector Farmers Market

Wednesdays 3-6pm; July through the Fall
Highway 212 & Co RD 4 (South Central Grain & Energy C-Store)
Call LaVonne for more information at 320-848-2195

Olivia Farmers Market

Thursdays 2-6pm; July through the Fall
City parking lot 9th St. & Fairview
Call Lyle for more information 320-365-4174

Additional vendors welcomed at all markets, contact the market coordinator for more information

Funded in part by the USDA FMPP



2011 Renville County Community Events

April 16th	Spring Garden Party , Morton
June 10th - 12th	Sugar Beet Days , Renville
June 13th	Chamber Golf Classic Tournament , Olivia
June 15th - 19th	Wing Ding Days , Bird Island
June 18th	Regatta Parade , Bird Island
June 24th - 26th	Fairfax Jaycee Summer Celebration , Fairfax
July 1st - 3rd	Polka Fest Days , Bird Island
July 4th	Independence Day Celebration , Morton
July 6th - 10th	Danube Fun Days , Danube
July 8th - 10th	Corn Chaff Days , Hector
July 14th - 17th	Summer Fest , Sacred Heart
July 22nd - 24th	Buffalo Lake Days , Buffalo Lake
July 22nd - 24th	Catfish Derby Days , Franklin
July 27th - 31st	Corn Capital Days , Olivia
August 14th	Czech Heritage Festival , Bechyn
August 17th - 19th	Renville County Fair , Bird Island
September 10th	Scarecrow Festival , Morton
November 12th	Holiday Happenings , Hector
November 19th - 20th	Beneath the Village Wreath , Morton
December 1st - 3rd	Holiday Happenings , Olivia
December 1st	Mistletoe Madness , Morton
December 1st	Unforgettable Christmas , Hector

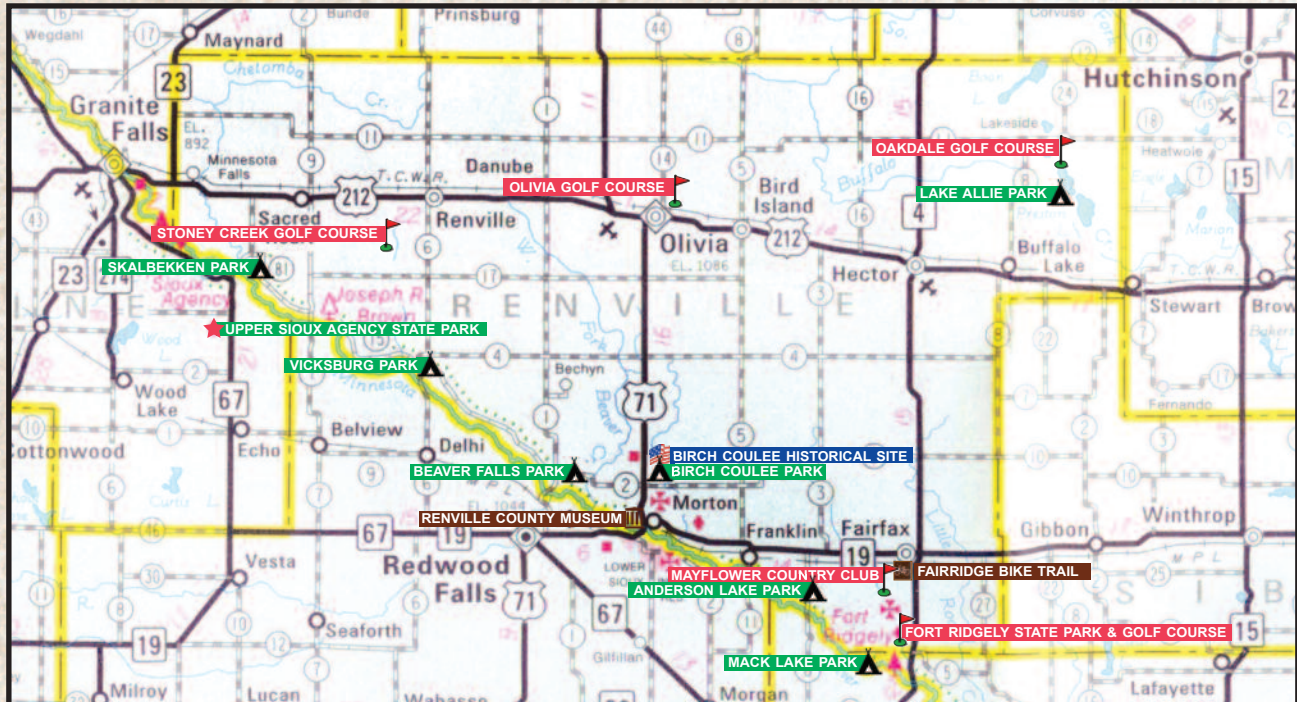
**For more information regarding these events
visit www.renville.com
or call the Renville County HRA/EDA office at (320) 523-3656**





Pictures Courtesy of Ron Bouldan

DISCOVER YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS



Experience the natural beauty of Renville County by visiting our more than 1,300 acres of parkland featuring primitive stands of trees, wildflowers, native prairies, and wildlife. See unique bedrock outcroppings that were formed 3.6 billion years ago along the banks of the Minnesota River. Extend your visit by camping in one of our rustic or RV sites. Group camping and park shelter reservations are available. Call Environment and Community Development at 320-523-3768 for more information. Check out the local county museum in Morton to learn about the county's rich history. Take a bike ride on the FairRidge Trail between Fairfax and Fort Ridgely. Golf on one or all five of the local golf courses.

Enjoy all that Renville County has to Offer!

RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS

- Skallbekken
- Vicksburg
- Beaver Falls
- Birch Coulee
- Anderson Lake
- Mack Lake
- Lake Allie

STATE PARKS & HISTORICAL SITE

- Birch Coulee Historical Site
- Fort Ridgely State Park
- Upper Sioux Agency State Park

MUSEUM

Renville County Museum
Call: (507) 697-6147
www.renvillecountyhistory.com

BIKE TRAIL

FairRidge Bike Trail
Call: 800-535-3160
www.cityoffairfax-mn.gov

GOLF COURSES

- Fort Ridgely Golf Course
Fairfax, MN (507) 426-7840
- Olivia Golf Course
Olivia, MN (320) 523-2313
- Mayflower Country Club
Fairfax, MN (507) 426-9964
- Stoney Creek Golf Course
Renville, MN (320) 329-8400
- Oakdale Country Club
Buffalo Lake, MN (320) 587-0525



RENVILLE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE CLEAN-UP

Renville County Highway Shop, Buffalo Lake*

Monday, June 6, 2011 • Time: 12:00 noon - 5:30 pm

(*Enter from Borden Avenue **ONLY**. No entrance from Highway 212. Watch for signs.)

Renville County Highway Shop, Sacred Heart

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 • Time: 12:00 noon - 5:30 pm

Renville County Highway Shop, Franklin

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 • Time: 12:00 noon - 5:30 pm

Reduced Collection Fee for Renville County Residents Only!

NOTICE: In 2012 the Clean-up will be held at the Landfill & HHW Facility ONLY. Collections WILL NOT be held at other sites.



~ ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED AND FEES ~ (FEES ARE PER ITEM)

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Business/ Non-Resident</u>
TIRES: Including tires with rims		
Car	\$1	Car \$3
Truck	\$4	Truck \$8
Tractor front	\$4	Tractor front \$8
Tractor rear	\$10	Tractor rear \$20
APPLIANCES: \$4		\$6
Including refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, microwaves, etc.		
ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS: \$3		\$6
Including televisions, printers, monitors, hard drives (CPUs), fax machines, VCRs, stereos, etc. Fees are per item.		
FLUORESCENT BULBS: Free		50¢ per bulb*
Please box large quantities.		
BALLASTS: Free		\$4
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES: Free		Free
Including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb).		
CELL PHONES: Free		Free

*Free bulb disposal for Renville County businesses.

• WILL NOT • BE ACCEPTED AT COLLECTION SITES

- Automotive and alkaline batteries. Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the garbage.
- General household garbage such as bicycles, lawn chairs, grills, coffee pots, fixtures, furniture, etc.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including paint, stains, pesticides, thermometers, cleaners, oil, oil filters, etc. These items can be brought to the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility.
- Recycling items including glass, newspapers, cans, etc. These items can be brought to the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility or to a community drop site.
- Incandescent (regular) light bulbs. Incandescent bulbs can be disposed of in the garbage.
- Clothes in washers or dryers. Food in refrigerators or freezers.



RENVILLE COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

Separate Your Recyclables Into Two Categories



Newspaper, misc. paper, and **Flattened** cardboard (clean & dry) Place in recycle bin or paper bag.



Metal cans, glass bottles and jars, **ALL plastic containers (with recycling symbol) including lids.** Place in recycle bin or paper bag. Please **no plastic bags** of any type.

Recyclable Paper: Newspapers, misc. paper, magazines, catalogs, direct mail advertisements, envelopes of all types, books, file folders, notebooks, paper of all colors, fax sheets, onion skin paper, clean paper bags, cereal, cake, chips, cracker boxes, pop boxes, flattened corrugated cardboard, phone books

Recyclable Metal/Glass/Plastics: Metal food cans, aluminum beverage cans, glass bottles and jars (ALL colors), ALL plastic containers, including lids. Please rinse all listed items.

Non Recyclable Paper: String, twine, cotton balls, paper towels, napkins, cups, coffee filters, tea bags, waxed paper, candy & gum wrappers, cellophane, foil, plastic wrap, carbon paper, wallpaper, bathroom waste paper, photos, slides transparencies

Non Recyclable Metal/Glass/Plastics: Aerosol cans, paint cans, light bulbs, pens, window panes, mirrors, pottery, ceramics, disposable razors, needles, toys, dishes, glasses, medicine containers, plastic cups, silverware, trays, plastic wrap, foam cups, foam packaging, cardboard milk containers



Recycling Drop Off Sites for Rural Residents are located in each community. The drop boxes are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD. By breaking down all the cardboard, more people can utilize this drop box and help keep the site clean and from blowing onto neighboring property owners.

If you have questions contact Renville County Solid Waste Administrator at 320-523-3759 or visit our web site www.co.renville.mn.us.